

Applicants submit that they are somewhat confused by the nature of the Examiner's rejection. Applicants are not, in claim 22, claiming a purified polynucleotide having the nucleic acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 or 10. Instead, claim 22 is directed to a method of detecting a target polynucleotide in a test sample. The method involves contacting the test sample with a least one purified polynucleotide and then detecting the presence of the target polynucleotide. The purified polynucleotide has the nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS:1, 2, 4, 5, 8 or 10. Applicants submit, as admitted by the Examiner, that the specification adequately describes purified polynucleotides shown in SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 or 10 and that Applicants were in possession of these nucleotides at the time of the filing of this application.

In view of the aforementioned arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-referenced application is now in a condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections and passes the application to allowance.



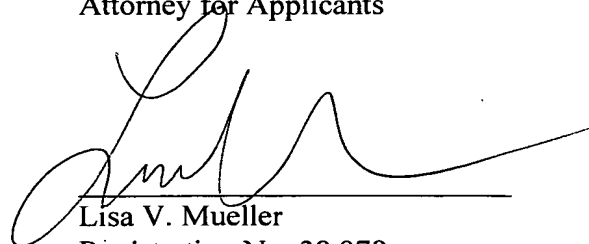
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